



## COLLECTIVE WISDOM

### **SPOT on DD Conference 2010**

*Speech Pathologists, Physiotherapists and Occupational  
Therapists on Developmental Disability*

16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010

The Grace Hotel, Sydney

*Initial Announcement  
&  
Call for Papers*



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## INTRODUCTION

SPOT on DD is an active group of Speech Pathologists, Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists who together aim to provide:

- High quality therapy services
- Professional support
- Continuing education information
- United voice in advocacy for people with a developmental disability
- Promotion of best practice of therapy in the area of developmental disability

SPOT on DD has previously run a number of successful conferences that provide the opportunity for education, networking and exchange of information.

### The SPOT on DD 2010 Conference is titled:

#### **“Collective Wisdom: Client, Research, Therapist”**

The conference title “Collective Wisdom” reflects the partnership between client, therapist and research. It acknowledges that each partner brings their own wisdom - past knowledge, different perspectives and current theories. The challenge for all therapists is to link this wisdom to provide an intervention strategy that uses current best practice and meets the clients’ priorities.

Participants will be encouraged to reflect on their partnerships with clients and research. They may expand their current practice to embrace new methods of intervention and current research, to actively engage in research, or embrace innovative service delivery.

The organising committee of the Conference is calling for abstracts from people wishing to present papers, workshops or posters. Reduced registration costs will be available for presenters.

#### **Who Should Present**

The Conference Committee welcomes abstracts from therapists, educationalists, consumers, service administrators and other professionals involved in the field of disability.



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# GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

The deadline for submissions is Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2010. Abstracts must be submitted via email and only abstracts that conform to the guidelines for submission will be considered for inclusion in the conference.

## Selection Criteria

The Scientific Committee will peer review all abstracts and make their selections based on the quality and relevance of each submission. Preference will be given to abstracts which represent original, unpublished, and not previously presented clinical insights and research studies. Presentations at the SPOT on DD conference must not be of a commercial nature. Consequently, abstracts aimed at selling products or materials will not be accepted.

## Presentation Formats

Presentations may take the following forms:

- Workshop (90 minute interactive workshop)
- Long paper (20 minute presentation and 10 minutes for questions and discussion)
- Short paper (10 minute presentation and 5 minutes for questions and discussion)
- Poster session (Visual display of information)

## Preparing your Abstract

Abstracts must be prepared and submitted using the attached 'Abstract submission form' and saved as a word document. We have chosen to use a non-traditional approach to the preparation of abstracts for this conference. This has been done to ensure that (a) both clinicians and researchers are encouraged to present, (b) less experienced presenters are not intimidated by the prospect of writing a submission, and (c) conference delegates are provided with a clear and concise explanation of your presentation. Please respond to the questions in the abstract submission form. Your responses to each of the questions will be compiled to form your abstract.

## Submitting your Abstract

Abstracts must be saved as a Microsoft Word document and submitted to the Chair of the Scientific Committee, care of [spotonddsec@aussieisp.net.au](mailto:spotonddsec@aussieisp.net.au)

Your submission will be acknowledged within 7 working days.

## Acceptance of Abstracts

The scientific committee will review all submissions following the close of the call for papers. Authors will be notified of the outcome of their submission by the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2010.

## Contact

If you have a question about your submission please contact Val Lehmann-Monck at [val.lehmann-monck@dadhc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:val.lehmann-monck@dadhc.nsw.gov.au)



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